

Service Committee
April 20, 2009
5:45 PM
Minutes

Call to order: Mr. Paini called the meeting to order at 5:50pm

Roll Call: Present for roll call were Mr. Paini (Chair), Mrs. Turner and Dr. Bender. Also in attendance was Mayor Ebert, Steve Smith (WWTP), Bill Sims (Const. Svcs), Matt Peoples (Public Works), Dick Miller (Urban Forester), Joe Taylor (WTP) and Ed Snyder (Streets).

Dr. Bender moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009 Service Committee Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Turner.

VOTE: **AYES:** Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner, Dr. Bender
 NAYS:
 Motion Carried.

Staff Reports:

Bill Sims –

Underground utilities are being worked on at the Diley Road project. Progress was halted due to weather this past week.

Plans have been finalized for any changes associated with the expansion of the medical office building.

Thrush Drive re-construction project officially began today. The concrete contractor will be in on Monday to start removal of concrete and curbs. The entire project will be done in July. Discussion ensued regarding the specific renovations to be done.

Preconstruction meeting was last week for the 2009 Street program. They will start next week in Winchester Village section 1. The completion date for the project is July 20th.

Eichorn/Rutherford Drive contract is open for bids right now. The bid opening has been pushed back one week and will be opened on May 1st.

Mrs. Turner asked if there have been responses from those with sidewalk problems. Mr. Sims said there are just a handful of people that have not responded.

Matt Peoples –

Skate Park is still being worked on. There are some procurement issues, but once they are figured out, we can get the equipment delivered while we wait for the start the concrete pad. The pad will be rectangular.

A utility manual that gives operating rules and regulations is being updated.

Ed Snyder –

Will's Pest Control in Lancaster has been working with us on to treat the covered bridge and the shelter house at Guiler Park. We are infested with carpenter bees. They bore a hole in the wood and lay their larva in there and the woodpeckers come and cause further damage trying to get to them.

Hanners Park and Walnut Creek Park will get a broadleaf application around the first of May.

Mowing started last week. About half is done at this time. The mower got stuck in Dietz Park twice.

A light is being installed beside the door at the pole barn at the park for security.

The cover will come off of the fountain in Stradley Park when we get a nice day.

Matt Peoples, Mayor Ebert, Larry Flowers and two gentlemen from the railroad company had a meeting about the overpass at Waterloo Rd. We are waiting to hear what came out of the meeting.

Re-inspection from the fire department will be this week. There were a few minor infractions at the first inspection.

Mr. Paini asked if there is any security type system out at Hanners Park. Mr. Peoples stated there is no phone line to use, but they are looking into web-based systems. A couple of minors have been arrested that they believe were responsible for the break-ins. Security cameras have been installed. Mr. Paini suggested having an off-line conversation about securing those facilities. If we will have a bike path and skate park there with families hanging out, we should be more proactive with security.

Dick Miller –

Spring 2009 Street Tree planting is complete. Future projects may include Dietz Drive entrance to Westchester from Washington Street and the proposed center median on Thrush Drive.

Potting Day is Friday May 1st is at noon at 400 Ashbrook Dr. Potluck and sludge press tour to follow.

Please join us Friday, April 24th for Arbor Day at 1pm in front of the high school. The Mayor will be reading the Proclamation.

Saturday, May 2nd at 9am in Stradley Park there will be a free tree give-away.

Joe Taylor –

Staff has been working on some maintenance issues. They have repaired some exterior lighting around the building. 78 trees were planted around the water plant for blockage.

Meters in book 9 are being replaced and almost finished. Book 2 is getting started. We are at 92% completion of all the meters in the Village.

Hydrant flushing is complete. Two hydrants needed repairs. One is finished on Saylor and one is still being worked on Snowberry Lane. The fire department has been notified.

Patterson Pools will come out on May 8th to bring the pool into compliance with the Virginia Graham Baker Act.

Stradley Place fountain will be up and working as soon as weather permits.

Steve Smith –

The automated flood control system is in service and working.

Analysis of the new sludge will allow us to be certified to drop the sludge off at the landfill.

There was a meeting with Groveport officials on our joint sewage plan that was very amiable. There were no conclusions reached, but the project is moving along.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Peoples read Mr. Farst's report.

The thoroughfare plan will be ready in about 2 weeks. There will be a presentation to Planning and Zoning then to Council probably in June.

Pended Items:

08-08 Tower Maintenance Contract – Joe Taylor

Tonight Council will be asked to vote to award the contract. There were three bidders. Caldwell Tanks was the lowest bidder at \$770,210 which breaks down into 10 yearly payments of approx. \$77,000. \$817,000 was the engineer's estimate so this is a great deal. Discussion ensued. Dr. Bender will sponsor the legislation and moved to take it to full Council; seconded by Mrs. Turner.

VOTE: **AYES:** Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner, Dr. Bender

NAYS:
Motion Carried.

08-38 Street Light Relocations/Decorations – Matt Peoples, Ed Snyder

Mr. Snyder looked into banners. The price looks like it would be \$45 - \$75 per banner, depending on how fancy it would be. It was decided that it would be discussed further offline and kept on the agenda for updates.

09-11 Hazard Tree Code Section – Matt Peoples, Dick Miller

Mr. Peoples stated that Mr. Hollins has revised the language and it was given to Council to look over. This would cover private trees that may fall into the right-of-way. It would allow Mr. Miller to take down a tree on private property if it presents a danger of falling into the right-of-way and harming residents.

Dr. Bender moved to take it to full Council. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion and will sponsor the legislation.

VOTE: **AYES:** Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner, Dr. Bender

NAYS:
Motion Carried.

New Items for Discussion:

09-13 Eichorn/Rutherford/Robinett Project – Bill Sims

Mr. Sims stated that the project is being extended one additional week for bidding. Award of that project will go in front of Council on the second meeting in May.

09-15 Sludge Press Presentation – Steve Smith

Mr. Smith presented a power point presentation of the new sludge press and the process through which we came to the decision to install it. With the new sludge press, 90%+ of the water is removed from the sludge and it is able to be taken to the landfill. This allows the process to be much more efficient and less weather-dependant, thus saving time and money.

09-14 Influent Screen – Steve Smith

Mr. Smith stated that the vast amount of the sewage that comes in has various amounts of trash in it. That trash can completely burn out our pumps. To avoid that, we are looking into getting a screen that will screen the debris off of the sewage as it comes in. One of the screens being looked at is conveyor driven and has a much smaller grid. At the current situation, the pumps may only last 3 more years then need to be replaced at \$50,000 / each. If we can find a screen that will fit our needs, that will prolong the life of the pumps significantly and save money.

Old/New Business:

Mr. Turner asked about the skate park. It will be discussed again later.

Adjournment

Dr. Bender moved to adjourn this meeting of the Service Committee, seconded by Mrs. Turner.

VOTE:

AYES:

Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner, Dr. Bender

NAYS:

Motion Carried. Time out 6:48pm